

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 308**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator McConnell	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	16-3-620
SUBJECT:	Assault & Battery with the Intent to Kill		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 308 amends Section 16-3-620 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by establishing a minimum mandatory sentence, for any person convicted of Assault and Battery with the Intent to Kill, of 10 years to imprisonment for life.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates this Bill will have an impact on the General Fund of the State. The agency indicates the extended mandatory sentence will create an increase in the average daily population. The Department projects its average population would increase by 54 new inmates by the fifth year of implementation. At a cost of 14,344 per inmate (state funds only) the agency's expenditures would increase by approximately \$775,000 by the fifth year. The Department also projects the inmate population would continue to increase over the next three decades. The Department projects the overall net increase at full implementation should approach an additional 700 inmates, which may necessitate construction of a new facility.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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